



Top 10 Best Football Managers in the World 2024

In 2024, football has become increasingly centered on strategy and analytics. Consequently, the role of football managers has gained more significance, with greater focus on the masterminds behind the teams. Due to the sport's ever-evolving nature, these managers continuously enhance their tactics each season. In this context, we'll review the top football managers of 2024, considering their performances in the 2023-24 season and the ongoing 2024-25 season.

Best Football Managers in the World Right Now

A few standout names quickly come to mind when identifying the best football managers in the world. While it's often simplest to judge those who have led their teams to trophy victories as the best, other critical factors must be considered. These include the manager's overall impact and how their performance stacks up against the expectations set for them.

Ranking Factors:

Trophies: This refers to the count of significant titles a manager has secured, highlighting their capability to achieve top-level success. **Recent Achievements:** This takes into account a manager's latest accolades, indicating their current prowess and significance in contemporary football. **Longevity:** This measures the span of a manager's sustained success at elite clubs, reflecting continuous excellence and reliability.

Tactical Innovation: This highlights a manager's capacity to develop new tactics, adapt to the evolving nature of modern football, and enhance team performance through strategic adjustments. While trophies are a clear indicator of a manager's success, we will also evaluate their recent accomplishments, longevity, current performance, and projected finish for the ongoing season. Taking all these factors into account, let's start our countdown of the top 10 football managers in the world for 2024.

Rank	Manager	Team
1	Pep Guardiola	Manchester City
2	Carlo Ancelotti	Real Madrid
3	Simone Inzaghi	Inter Milan
4	Xabi Alonso	Bayer Leverkusen
5	Antonio Conte	Napoli
6	Hansi Flick	FC Barcelona
7	Diego Simeone	Atletico Madrid
8	Arne Slot	Liverpool
9	Unai Emery	Aston Villa

Pep Guardiola is arguably the best manager at the moment

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#10. Mikel Arteta (Arsenal)



Mikel Arteta after Arsenal's FA Cup win in 2020. (Credits: Getty)

Amid a crisis in 2019, Arsenal made a bold move by appointing their former player and Manchester City assistant, Mikel Arteta, as head coach. This forward-thinking decision surprised many, given Arteta's youth and relative inexperience, especially for a club with such significant pressures and expectations.

#9. Unai Emery (Aston Villa)



Emery at Aston Villa. (Credits: Getty)

One of the most overlooked signings in recent years is Unai Emery's move to Aston Villa. After a rocky tenure at Arsenal, the Spanish manager returned to La Liga, aiming to replicate his previous success with Sevilla at Villarreal. Indeed, Emery secured another Europa League victory in 2021, triumphing over both Arsenal and Manchester United.

#8. Arne Slot (Liverpool)



Arne Slot at Liverpool. (Credits: Getty)

With the announcement of Jurgen Klopp's departure from Liverpool at the conclusion of the 2023-24 season, the club's fans were understandably anxious about the significant expectations and pressures that come with the role potentially being handed to an unproven individual. However, these concerns have been alleviated thanks to the impressive start of new manager Arne Slot. Despite initial reservations about the Dutch manager, Slot has swiftly adapted to his new position.

#7. Diego Simeone (Atletico Madrid)



Diego Simeone celebrates Atletico Madrid's Europa League triumph in 2018. (Credits: Getty)

Since joining Atletico Madrid in 2011, Diego Simeone has ingrained a distinct style of play and aggression that has become his trademark. Boasting one of the longest managerial tenures in modern football, it's clear why Simeone is regarded as one of the world's top football managers. Despite the formidable presence of Real Madrid and Barcelona in both domestic and European competitions, Simeone's talent for elevating his team's profile underscores his exceptional capabilities.

#6. Hansi Flick (FC Barcelona)



Hansi Flick during his FC Barcelona inauguration. (Credits: Getty)

After a short spell as interim manager at Bayern Munich in 2019, Hansi Flick's career took an unexpected and dramatic turn. Upon assuming full managerial duties, he achieved an unprecedented level of success, securing every available trophy. However, his decision to depart after just one season baffled many, especially given the subsequent challenges he faced.

#5. Antonio Conte (Napoli)



Antonio Conte during his Napoli arrival. (Credits: Getty)

Next on our list is the charismatic Antonio Conte, who has remarkably revitalized his managerial career. Long regarded as one of the top football managers globally, Conte has found success at nearly every club he has led. Despite his illustrious and productive career, one might anticipate a longer tenure with a single club. However, that has rarely been the case with Conte.

#4. Xabi Alonso (Bayer Leverkusen)



Xabi Alonso celebrates the DFB Pokal triumph in 2024. (Credits: Getty)

Next up is the prodigious Xabi Alonso, whose rise to managerial fame seemed predestined. Throughout his stellar playing career, he was influenced by some of the best, making it a safe bet that Alonso would leverage his deep footballing knowledge to great effect. Now recognized as one of the world's top football managers, Alonso's ascent has been swift. Upon his appointment as head coach of Bayer Leverkusen in 2022, he inherited a team languishing near the bottom of the league.

#3. Simone Inzaghi (Inter Milan)



Simone Inzaghi celebrates Inter Milan's Supercup win in 2023. (Credits: Getty)

Being ranked among the best football managers in the world is an extraordinary accomplishment in its own right. Nonetheless, given Simone Inzaghi's achievements at Inter Milan, his high placement is well-deserved. Starting with leading Lazio to Champions League contention in Serie A, Inzaghi's performance reached new heights upon his appointment at Inter Milan.

#2. Carlo Ancelotti (Real Madrid)



Carlo Ancelotti celebrates Real Madrid's Copa Del Rey triumph in 2023. (Credits: Getty)

Carlo Ancelotti stands out as one of the most decorated managers in football history, earning his place among the world's elite. With successful tenures at prestigious clubs such as Juventus, AC Milan, Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Napoli, and others, 'Don Carlo' has virtually conquered every major competition.

#1. Pep Guardiola (Manchester City)



Pep Guardiola poses next to the Premier League trophy in 2023. (Credits: Getty)

Topping the list is none other than Pep Guardiola. With an exceptional career, Guardiola is widely regarded and could very well be remembered as the greatest football manager of all time when he eventually retires.

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